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Rep. Terri Sewell, D-Ala., alongside other members of the Congressional Black Caucus, speaks in front of the Senate chambers about their support of voting rights legislation, at the Capitol in Washington, on Jan. 19, 2022.

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Poll: Equality concerns rise, but few say voting is too hard

From Front

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DENVER (AP) — Majorities of Americans in both major parties think voting rules in their states are appropriate and support a voter identification law, but Democrats are increasingly worried about progress in voting rights for Black Americans. A new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research showed voting was the only one of eight subjects — including education and treatment by police — in which fewer Americans now than four years ago said African Americans had achieved significant progress since the civil rights era. Concern about a lack of progress is much higher for Democrats, 86% of whom believe more must be done to secure racial equality in voting rights, compared with 40% of Republicans. That's a reflection of the continuing partisan fight over election procedures that spawned more restrictive laws in 19 GOP-controlled states last year. "I'm concerned that the more conservative elements are attempting to create a Jim Crow 2," said Richard Barnett, a retired attorney who volunteered as an election judge in his



A county worker collects a mail-in ballot in a drive-thru mail-in ballot drop off area at the Clark County Election Department in Las Vegas, Nov. 2, 2020.

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Chicago suburb, echoing the term President Joe Biden, a fellow Democrat, used to attack the new Republican laws. "They're making it hard for 'the other' people to vote to consolidate their power." Still, even Democrats are fairly happy with the voting laws in their own states — red and blue. About 3 out of 4 Americans think the laws in their states are "about right," according to the poll. Recoa Russell, a 67-year-old retired machine operator in Mobile, Alabama, who is Black, lives in a state with some of the most restrictive voting laws in the country. But he said the rules there "work well. Just show your ID and pull the lever." Indeed, voter identification is the most popular of

a series of voting reforms in the poll, with 70% favoring requiring photo identification before casting a ballot. Smaller majorities were in favor of automatic voter registration of eligible citizens and sending mail ballots to all registered voters, two top Democratic priorities. Republicans were more likely than Democrats to support the voter ID law, 87% to 55%. The poll illustrates why Democrats have had such problems in their push for a federal overhaul of voting laws. An attempt to pass sweeping election changes stalled in the Senate earlier this year amid unanimous Republican opposition. For months, Democrats hesitated to even bring the bill to a vote because they couldn't get their entire 50-member Sen-

ate caucus to agree to it. One of the bill's provisions would have banned partisan gerrymandering, or the contorted redrawing of legislative lines to make it easier for one party's representatives to win elections. The poll found that 69% of Americans believe that's a major problem, with Democrats more likely than Republicans to say so, 80% to 58%. The GOP had great success in the prior round of redistricting and has pushed to lessen legal oversight of the once-a-decade drawing of legislative lines. Lisa Thomas worries about gerrymandering. The 48-year-old janitor in Lakeland, Florida, believes the Republicans who control her state government have been drawing lines to weaken the votes of African Americans like her. She links it to changes in the state's voting laws implemented by the GOP last year even though Republicans touted Florida's system as an example of a well-run election system. Thomas, who says she leans Democratic but is an independent and hungers for more viable parties, dismissed arguments that voter identification laws hurt minorities because they have a harder time getting a government ID. "There are a lot of situations where you have to show who you

are," she said. Although she likes Florida's voting laws, she's worried that the changes — new procedures for mail ballots and limitations on drop boxes where they can be deposited — will ruin things. "It seems like in the past several years, it's been going the opposite direction, it's reversing," she said of progress on voting rights for African Americans. Just 32% of Black Americans say there has been significant progress in racial equality in voting rights since the civil rights era, compared with 52% of white Americans. Majorities of Black and white Americans say more needs to be done, but Black Americans are much more likely to say a lot more is needed, 57% to 29% of whites who feel that way. Thomas, like roughly three-quarters of all Americans regardless of party, also worries about the future of the country's democratic system. "We're still a two-party system, and they both fail us on a daily basis," she said. Peggy Orr, 66, who lives in rural Nebraska, is also concerned, but for very different reasons. She's convinced there was widespread voter fraud in the 2020 presidential election, echoing former President Donald Trump's false claims that that is why he lost. □

Hacked U.S. companies to face new reporting requirements

By **ALAN SUDERMAN** and
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Companies critical to U.S. national interests will now have to report when they're hacked or they pay ransomware, according to new rules approved by Congress. The rules are part of a broader effort by the Biden administration and Congress to shore up the nation's cyberdefenses after a series of high-profile digital espionage campaigns and disruptive ransomware attacks. The re-

porting will give the federal government much greater visibility into hacking efforts that target private companies, which often have skipped going to the FBI or other agencies for help. "It's clear we must take bold action to improve our online defenses," Sen. Gary Peters, a Michigan Democrat who leads the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee and wrote the legislation, said in a statement on Friday. The reporting requirement legislation was approved

by the House and the Senate on Thursday and is expected to be signed into law by President Joe Biden soon. It requires any entity that's considered part of the nation's critical infrastructure, which includes the finance, transportation and energy sectors, to report any "substantial cyber incident" to the government within three days and any ransomware payment made within 24 hours. Ransomware attacks, in which criminals hack targets and hold their data hostage through encryp-



FBI Director Christopher Wray speaks at a news conference at the Justice Department in Washington Nov. 8, 2021.

Associated Press

tion until ransoms have been paid, have flourished in recent years. Attacks last year on the world's largest meat-packing company and the biggest U.S. fuel pipeline — which led to

days of gas station shortages on the East Coast — have underscored how gangs of extortionist hackers can disrupt the economy and put lives and livelihoods at risk. □

U.S. immigration arrests drop amid focus on most dangerous

By BEN FOX

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Immigration enforcement arrests within the U.S. fell sharply over the past year as the Biden administration shifted its enforcement priorities to focus on people in the country without legal status who have committed serious crimes, officials said Friday.

As it released its annual report, reflecting eight months under President Joe Biden, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said immigration arrests dropped nearly 40% from

the previous year while the number of people apprehended who had committed "aggravated felonies" nearly doubled.

Total deportations fell to the lowest in the agency's history, down nearly 70% to 59,011, a number that, in part, reflects use of a public health order implemented during the pandemic to expel people without formal deportation proceedings. Officials portray this strategy as an efficient use of limited law enforcement resources, but it puts the administration in a bind between critics, primarily on



A U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officer looks on during an operation in Escondido, Calif., July 8, 2019.

Associated Press

Spring forward

AP

Daylight saving time starts Sunday at 2 a.m. local time. Set your clocks **ahead one hour** before bed Saturday.



People in parts of the United States that observe daylight saving time will set their clocks ahead this weekend as the country switches from standard time.

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It's time to 'spring forward' this weekend in most of the U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even though winter doesn't slip away until next weekend, time has its marching orders. In the United States, it's time to "spring" forward.

Daylight saving time announces its entrance at 2 a.m. local time Sunday for most of the country. Standard time hibernates until Nov. 6. It will stay lighter for longer into the evening but the sun will rise later in the morning than it has during the months of standard time.

Remember to set clocks an hour ahead, usually before bed Saturday night.

No time change is observed in Hawaii, most of Arizona, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam and the Northern Marianas.

A poll conducted last October shows that most Americans want to avoid switching between daylight saving and standard time, though there is no consensus behind which should be used all year. The poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found only 25% of Americans said they preferred to switch back and forth between standard and daylight saving time. □

the right, who want to see more apprehensions and progressive Democrats who have called for dramatically scaling back the mission of ICE or even eliminating it altogether.

At a minimum, it also reflects a departure from the strategy pursued under former President Donald Trump, who early on directed ICE to apprehend anyone who was in the country illegally regardless of other circumstances.

"As the annual report's data reflects, ICE's officers and special agents focused on cases that delivered the greatest law enforcement impact in communities across the country while upholding our values as a nation," acting Director Tae Johnson said in a statement announcing the results.

Critics say the Biden administration's enforcement policy encourages the irregular migration that a succession of U.S. presidents have struggled to control.

"The Biden administration has turned the United States into a sanctuary country, plain and simple," said Mark Morgan, who was acting commissioner of Customs and Border Protection under Trump and is now with the Heritage Foundation. "This president has sent a message to the world that if you illegally

cross our sovereign border, you will likely be released into the interior of the United States, and once you're here, immigration officials are not allowed to remove you even if you skip your court date or commit a crime."

But in what officials call a "rebalanced" approach, ICE said its Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations arrested 74,082 noncitizens, a combination of people referred to the agency by Customs and Border Protection and people detained at large in the country.

That figure is down from 103,603 in the 2019 budget year, which was down 28% from the prior 12 months because of policies implemented at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, including use of the public health order to quickly turn back people stopped at the border without giving them the opportunity to seek asylum.

ICE said nearly half the arrests and deportations since Biden took office consisted of "serious criminals," which the administration defines as people convicted of both felonies or "aggravated felonies," without providing a more detailed breakdown.

In addition to who it targets, ICE has also changed where it operates. The ad-

ministration last year directed the agency to limit enforcement actions at schools, hospitals and a range of other sensitive locations.

The agency argues in its statement that the "public safety impact has been dramatic," with the number of monthly arrests of aggravated felons up 53% from the final year under President Barack Obama and 51% average during the Trump administration.

Apprehensions included some conducted under an initiative targeting sex offenders, resulting in the arrests of 495 people, compared 194 under the previous year, ICE said.

Trump, whose administration took hundreds of measures to restrict both legal and illegal immigration, directed ICE to apprehend anyone who was in the country illegally. In June 2019, he tweeted that "next week ICE will begin the process of removing the millions of illegal aliens who have illicitly found their way into the United States." It didn't happen, though. Total deportations were higher under the first term of Obama than under Trump in part because many cities and states, opposed to his administration's approach to immigration, refused to cooperate with ICE on removals. □

Cherry Blossom Festival marks DC's pandemic comeback

By ASHRAF KHALIL

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Cherry Blossom Festival is returning with all its pageantry, hailed as Washington's unofficial re-emergence from two years of pandemic limits and closures.

"This year, more than ever, you really understand why the festival is so important," said Festival President Diana Mayhew. "We recognize that it's more than just a festival. It's about spring and renewal and a sense of new beginnings."

This year's cherry blossom trees will reach peak bloom between March 22 and 25, according to National Park Service estimates. The festival kicks off with a March 20 opening ceremony and runs through April 17, with concerts and other events, including a big parade on Saturday April 9.

The weather isn't exactly cooperating at the moment. Snow and freezing rain are expected this weekend. But that shouldn't hurt development of the trees, said Mike Litterst, Park Service spokesman for the National Mall. Temperatures below 27 degrees can damage the blooms — something that



On an unusually warm March day the Cherry Blossom Trees buds frame the Washington Monument, Monday, March 7, 2022, along the tidal basin in Washington.

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happened in 2017, when a late frost killed about half the blossoms.

But Litterst said, "They're still tightly in their buds. The armor of the buds is protecting the blossoms. Another week or so down the road, if this were to happen, we'd have some major concerns. I think we'll be OK this time."

During a recent even announcing this year's plans, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser said, "We want D.C. to be

the face of spring for the nation. Let me say, without equivocation, that D.C. is open!"

A similar event two years ago was dominated by questions about whether the festival would happen at all in the face of the steadily advancing COVID-19 virus.

Sure enough, within days, Bowser declared a public health emergency and banned all mass gatherings. Festival organizers

spent the month frantically coming up with safe long-distance ways for residents and visitors to enjoy the annual rite of spring, include a live Bloom Cam and virtual video tours.

Local officials resorted to closing down streets and shutting Metro stations in order to keep crowds from gathering at the Tidal Basin to observe the pinkish blooms.

This year marks the 110th anniversary of the original

1912 gift of 3,000 Japanese cherry trees from the mayor of Tokyo. Japan's government remains heavily involved in the festival and regularly replaces about 90 trees per year.

At the event announcing this year's festival schedule, Ryo Kuroishi, public affairs counselor for the Japanese Embassy, joked that, "It feels a little strange to have all these people right in front of me instead of little Zoom squares."

Festival president Mayhew said this year's events will incorporate a hybrid of the traditional and pandemic innovations that were developed over the past two years for those who are still leery of attending large public gatherings or flying in for the event.

Activities like Petal Porches — where residents are encouraged to decorate their own porches in cherry blossom themes and post the pictures online — will be continued. And the popular Bloom Cam will be back. The March 26 kite flying festival on the grounds of the Washington Monument will take place as usual, but residents will also be encouraged to hold their own smaller kite flying events in featured area parks. □



E. Jean Carroll listen as she meets with reporters outside a courthouse in New York, on March 4, 2020.

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By LARRY NEUMEISTER

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Former President Donald Trump's legal moves aimed at delaying a rape accuser's defamation claims from reaching trial are in bad faith and, so far, succeed-

ing, a judge said in a decision released Friday as he rejected an attempt by Trump to countersue.

E. Jean Carroll's single claim of defamation "could have been tried and decided — one way or the other — long ago,"

Judge: Trump delays on rape accuser's claims in 'bad faith'

U.S. District Judge Lewis A. Kaplan said.

In a written ruling dated Thursday but publicly filed Friday, Kaplan cited delays caused by Trump's legal tactics as he rejected the former president's attempt to countersue Carroll under a law sometimes used to challenge defamation lawsuits that unfairly make claims.

A countersuit could have been filed 14 months ago, Kaplan wrote.

"The record convinces this Court that the defendant's litigation tactics, whatever their intent, have delayed the case to an extent that readily could have been far less," the judge wrote.

Trump's attorney, Alina

Habba, responded to a message seeking comment with an email saying, "While we are disappointed with the Court's decision today, we eagerly look forward to litigating this action and proving at trial that the plaintiff's claims have absolutely no basis in law or in fact."

Roberta Kaplan, a lawyer for Carroll, said of the judge's decision: "My client E. Jean Carroll and I could not agree more."

Carroll, a longtime advice columnist for Elle magazine, wrote in a June 2019 book that Trump raped her in the mid-1990s in an upscale Manhattan department store. Trump denied it and questioned Carroll's

credibility and motivations. Judge Kaplan wrote of litigation delays, saying Trump "attempted to evade" delivery of a copy of the lawsuit to his Manhattan residence or at the White House after it was originally filed in New York state court in November 2019. It was later moved to federal court.

Trump then used "frivolous" legal challenges to delay progress of the lawsuit, the judge wrote, including claiming that the state court lacked jurisdiction over him and that the lawsuit could not proceed until an appeal in another woman's lawsuit alleging sexual misconduct by Trump was resolved. □

U.N.: War in Ukraine to hurt poor nations importing grain

By FRANCES D'EMILIO

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Poorer countries in northern Africa, Asia and the Middle East that depend heavily on wheat imports risk suffering significant food insecurity because of Russia's war in Ukraine, and the conflict is poised to drive up already soaring food prices in much of the world, the U.N. food agency warned Friday.

Ukraine and Russia, which is under heavy economic sanctions for invading its neighbor two weeks ago, account for one-third of global grain exports.

With the conflict's intensity and duration uncertain, "the likely disruptions to agricultural activities of these two major exporters of staple commodities could seriously escalate food insecurity globally, when international food and input prices are already high and vulnerable," said Qu Dongyu, director-general of the Rome-based Food and Agriculture Organization.

The U.N. agency, known as FAO, also noted that Russia is the lead producer of fertilizer, and a key fertilizer component — urea — has jumped more than three-fold in price in the last 12 months.

There's also the uncertainty over whether Ukraine's wheat ready in June can be harvested as "massive



Farmers harvest with their combines in a wheat field near the village Tbilisskaya, Russia, July 21, 2021.

population displacement has reduced the number of agricultural laborers and workers. Accessing agricultural fields would be difficult," Qu noted.

Ukraine's ports on the Black Sea are shuttered, and its government this week banned the export of wheat, oats, millet, buckwheat and some other food products to prevent a crisis in its own country.

The ban does not apply to its major global exports of corn and sunflower oil. It and Russia together supply 52% of the world's sunflower oil exports. They also account for 19% of the world's

barley supply, 14% of wheat and 4% of corn.

"It is still unclear whether (other) exporters would be able to fill this gap," Qu said, warning that wheat inventories are already running low in Canada.

The United States, Argentina and other wheat-producing nations are likely to limit exports as governments seek to ensure domestic supply, he said.

Adding to the pressure, countries that depend on Russian and Ukrainian wheat are likely to increase imports. Egypt, Turkey, Bangladesh and Iran buy 60% of their wheat from Russia

and Ukraine. Also heavily reliant are Lebanon, Tunisia, Yemen, Libya and Pakistan.

In Libya, where civil war has ground on for years, the latest price increases for food staples have people worried.

Salah Alabar, a 37-year-old father of two, said bread and flour have increased by roughly 40% in his Benghazi neighborhood. Sunflower oil is 25% higher.

The U.N. agency said its simulations suggest that "the global number of undernourished people could increase by 8 to 13 million" in 2022-2023, particularly in

Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and North Africa.

Potential for unrest could rise with the prices.

Mohammed Jassim, who owns a small bakery in Baghdad, said there was real concern in Iraq, where dozens of people held demonstrations in the past week over skyrocketing food prices.

"I am a consumer who buys staples for my business, and I have seen an increase of about 20% in the price of sugar and wheat," he said. "If this keeps up, then I will be forced to raise my prices, and ultimately, the average citizen will be the one to pay for it."

With shortfalls in grain and sunflower seed exports by Ukraine and Russia, "worryingly, the resulting global supply gap could push up international food and feed prices by 8 to 22% above their already elevated levels," the FAO's report warned.

Its figures show food prices reached an all-time high in February.

The COVID-19 pandemic already had a major impact on global food security. Last year, global prices of wheat and barley rose 31%, and rapeseed and sunflower oil prices jumped by more than 60%. Wheat prices have surged more than 50% since a week before the invasion. □

Premier Li offers China's help for 'grave' Ukraine situation

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese Premier Li Keqiang on Friday called the situation in Ukraine "grave" and offered Beijing's help in playing a "positive role" for peace while continuing to refrain from criticizing Russia.

China has largely sided with Russia in the conflict, which it has refused to refer to as a war or invasion. The U.S. has accused Beijing of helping spread unsubstantiated claims coming out of Moscow.

China has offered to serve as a facilitator of talks be-

tween the sides, although it has little experience in such a role and would not likely be viewed as a neutral party.

"We support and encourage all efforts that are conducive to a peaceful settlement of the crisis," Li told reporters at an annual news conference. "The pressing task now is to prevent tension from escalating or even getting out of control."

Beijing this week said it was sending humanitarian aid including food and daily necessities worth \$791,000

to Ukraine while continuing to oppose sanctions against Russia over its invasion and pledging to continue normal trade and economic cooperation with Moscow.

Li, who as China's No. 2 leader behind Xi Jinping is primarily responsible for overseeing the world's second-largest economy, spoke following the close of the annual session of China's rubber-stamp legislature. He said that sanctions would "hurt the world economic recovery."

"It is in no one's interest.



People walk past a large video screen at a shopping mall showing Chinese Premier Li Keqiang as he speaks during a press conference after the closing session of China's National People's Congress (NPC) in Beijing, Friday, March 11, 2022.

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China is ready to make its own constructive efforts in maintaining world peace

and stability and promoting development and prosperity," Li said. □

Israel renews law to keep out Palestinian spouses

By JOSEPH KRAUSS

Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's parliament has renewed a temporary law dating back to 2003 that bars Israeli citizens from extending citizenship or even residency to Palestinian spouses from the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

Israel says the law, which was first enacted during a Palestinian uprising, is needed for security. Critics view it as a racist measure aimed at maintaining the country's Jewish majority. The law is aimed at Palestinians and does not apply to Jewish settlers in the West Bank as they already have Israeli citizenship.

The Knesset failed to pass the law last summer because it did not have the support of left-wing and Arab members of the governing coalition. The opposition, led by former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, supports the law but declined to vote for it to embarrass the government.

Interior Minister Ayelet Shaked, a staunch nationalist, took measures to prevent family unification during the several months when the law languished



Israeli Arab women hold a sign during a protest ahead of a vote by Israel's parliament on renewing a law that bars Arab citizens of Israel from extending citizenship or even residency to spouses from the occupied West Bank and Gaza, outside the parliament building in Jerusalem, Monday, July 5, 2021.

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while campaigning for its renewal. She and other officials have acknowledged it is in part aimed at preserving Israel's Jewish majority. The law passed late Thursday with help from the opposition but without the left-wing Meretz and the United Arab List, an Arab party that made history by joining the governing coalition last year.

Shaked tweeted that the bill's passage was a victory for "a Jewish and democratic state" and a defeat for "a state for all its citizens." The latter phrase is often used by Israel's Arab minority to refer to their aspirations for equality. Ayman Odeh, an Arab lawmaker, retweeted Shaked, calling it a victory for "an apartheid state."

The law mainly affects the Arab minority, which accounts for 20% of Israel's population of 9.5 million and has close family ties to Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza. They have citizenship, including the right to vote, and have gained acceptance and influence in a number of spheres, but still face widespread discrimination.

The Citizenship and Entry into Israel Law was enacted as a temporary measure in 2003, at the height of the second intifada, or uprising, when Palestinians launched scores of deadly attacks inside Israel. Proponents said Palestinians from the occupied West Bank and Gaza were susceptible to recruitment by armed groups and that security vetting alone was insufficient. The law has been continually renewed even after the uprising wound down in 2005 and the number of attacks plummeted. Today, Israel allows more than 100,000 Palestinian workers from the West Bank to enter on a regular basis. Because of the law, Arab citizens have few if any avenues for bringing spouses from the West Bank and Gaza into Israel. The policy affects thousands of families. The law does not apply to the nearly 500,000 Jewish settlers who live in the West Bank, which Israel captured in the 1967 war and which the Palestinians want for their future state. Under Israel's Law of Return, Jews who come to Israel from anywhere in the world are eligible for citizenship. □



Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau meets with Polish President Andrzej Duda at the palace in Warsaw, Poland, Thursday, March 10, 2022.

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By MONIKA SCISLOWSKA

Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Thursday during a visit to Poland that his country will take as many refugees fleeing war in Ukraine "as we can." Trudeau said "our hearts

break" to see millions of Ukrainians fleeing for their lives and leaving all they have behind.

"Canada will help, Canada is there to help," Trudeau said in Poland, a fellow NATO member which neighbors Ukraine and has opened its border to the

Trudeau: Canada will take as many Ukraine refugees as it can

refugees. Almost 1.5 million people have fled to Poland since Feb. 24, when Russia's army invaded Ukraine. In talks with Polish President Andrzej Duda and Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki, Trudeau expressed support for Poland's openness to the refugees and discussed ways of supporting Ukraine and continuing tough sanctions on Russia.

In Warsaw, Trudeau also held talks with visiting U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris.

Trudeau said his government is speeding up immigration procedures to allow the refugees to come very quickly to Canada, where many people of Ukrainian ancestry live.

"We will allow them to study, work, when they come here," Trudeau said at a joint news conference with Duda.

"Many of them will hope to be able to return to Ukraine after this conflict, many will also chose to continue their lives in Canada and we look forward to welcoming as many as we can," Trudeau said.

Duda thanked him for having been the first world leader to call and offer help to Poland, in the days of building tension before Russia's invasion.

Trudeau said Canada will actively help to bring Russian leaders responsible for the human tragedy, especially President Vladimir Putin, before the Interna-

tional Criminal Court in The Hague.

"Putin's callous disregard for human life is absolutely unacceptable. It is very clear he has made the choice to specifically target civilians now," he said, stressing that Canada has "joined the largest referral to the largest criminal court in history and offered assistance to expedite this work."

"The world will continue to make Putin accountable for his war crimes," he said. Trudeau pointed to the inspiring "ferocity and strength and resolve" of the Ukrainians defending their territory and said Putin has "made a terrible mistake and he's gonna lose this war." □

Mexico irate at EU criticism of journalist, activist deaths

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The Mexican government has issued an irate response to European Union criticism of journalist killings in Mexico, and President Andrés Manuel López Obrador accused European Parliament members Friday of having a “colonialist mentality.”

The open letter sent late Thursday criticized EU support for Ukraine, and called European Parliament members “sheep.”

“It is unfortunate that you vote like sheep to join the reactionary and coup-mongering strategy of the corrupt group opposed to the Fourth Transformation,” as López Obrador calls his administration. The president acknowledged he wrote the letter himself.

The EU Parliament approved a resolution Thursday urging López Obrador to stop his harsh verbal attacks on reporters who criticize him, and ensure their safety. The resolution passed by 607 to 2, with 73 abstentions.

A record seven journalists have been murdered in Mexico in two months, making it the most dangerous country in the world for press workers. Press groups

say López Obrador’s daily criticisms of journalists, whom he calls “conservatives” and “mercenaries,” make them more vulnerable to violence.

López Obrador claimed erroneously Friday that only five journalists have been killed so far this year. He said suspects have been arrested in four of those cases.

López Obrador is a proud nationalist who angrily rejects any outside criticism of Mexico. He has lashed out at nongovernmental organizations that receive foreign funding.

His new letter even pulled European backing for Ukraine into the issue. López Obrador’s administration has steadfastly refused to impose sanctions against Russia for invading Ukraine and he has limited himself to appeals for peace on all sides. “Mexico is a pacifist country that has opted for nonviolence and we support dialogue, not war; we don’t send weapons to any country under any circumstance, not like what you are doing now,” the Mexican letter states.

López Obrador has frequently tangled with Spain, demanding an apology

for the cruelties of the 1521 conquest of Mexico, something which Spain has never issued.

In the letter Thursday, Mexico wrote: “You should know, European Parliament, that Mexico is no longer anybody’s colony.” The EU resolution “calls on the authorities, and in particular the highest ones, to refrain from issuing any communication which could stigmatize human rights defenders, journalists and media workers, exacerbate the atmosphere against them or distort their lines of investigation.”

It encourages Mexico “to strengthen state institutions and consolidate the rule of law with a view to tackling some of the structural problems at the root of the human rights violations.”

Journalists are often the targets of Mexico’s drug cartels, which seek to intimidate and manipulate coverage of their activities and their rivals. Local politicians and government officials are also frequently linked to murders, according to the government, which has acknowledged that impunity in those killings runs above 90%.

In February, the Inter Ameri-



Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador speaks during a ceremony to commemorate in Mexico City’s main square the Zocalo, Aug. 13, 2021.

Associated Press

can Press Association called on the president to “immediately suspend the aggressions and insults, because such attacks from the top of power encourage violence against the press.”

In early March, gunmen killed Juan Carlos Muñiz, who covered crime for the online news site Testigo Minero in the violent state of Zacatecas.

Jorge Camero, the director of an online news site who was until recently a municipal worker in the northern state of Sonora, was killed in late February.

In early February, Heber López, director of the on-

line news site Noticias Web, was shot to death in the southern state of Oaxaca. Roberto Toledo, a camera operator and video editor for the online site Monitor Michoacan, was shot Jan. 31 as he prepared for an interview in the western state of Michoacan.

Reporter Lourdes Maldonado López was found shot to death inside her car in Tijuana on Jan. 23.

Crime photographer Margarito Martínez was gunned down outside his Tijuana home on Jan. 17. Reporter José Luis Gamboa was killed in the Gulf coast state of Veracruz on Jan. 10. □



Lava flows down from the crater of Mount Merapi seen from Cangkringan village in Sleman, Yogyakarta, early Friday, March 11, 2022.

Associated Press

By SLAMET RIYADI

Associated Press

YOGYAKARTA, Indonesia

(AP) — Indonesia’s Mount Merapi continued to erupt Friday, forcing authorities to halt tourism and mining activities on the slopes of the country’s most active volcano.

The volcano on the densely populated island of Java unleashed clouds of hot ash shortly before midnight Wednesday into early morning Thursday and fast-moving pyroclastic flows — a mixture of rock, lava and gas — traveled up to 5 kilometers (3.1 miles) down its

Lava flows as Indonesia’s Mount Merapi continues to erupt

slopes. It was Mount Merapi’s biggest lava flow since authorities raised its danger level in November 2020, said Hanik Humaida, the head of Yogyakarta’s Volcanology and Geological Hazard Mitigation Center. Dozens of light eruptions continued during the day Thursday with a river of lava and searing gas clouds flowing 2.5 kilometers (1.5 miles) down its slopes. No casualties were reported. About 253 people were evacuated to temporary shelters but they returned to the volcano’s fertile slopes after the activity subsided, Humaida said.

The volcano eruption on Friday spewed a column of hot clouds rising 100 meters (yards) into the air with

avalanches of incandescent lava at least 15 times, according to the Geological Disaster Technology Research and Development Center. Using seismic and other data, the agency estimated the lava spread less than 2 kilometers (1.2 miles) from the crater.

He said the lava dome just below Merapi’s southwest rim and the lava dome in the crater both have been active since last year. The volume was estimated at 1.5 million cubic meters in the southwest rim dome and 3.2 million cubic meters in the crater before partially collapsing in the past two days, sending pyroclastic flows traveling fast down the southwest flank.

“We estimate the potential

danger is not more than 7 kilometers,” Humaida said. Authorities have closed at least five tourism attractions located within the danger zone of 5 kilometers (3.1 miles) from the crater and halted mining activities along the volcano’s rivers, Humaida said. Activities out of the danger zone remained open.

Mount Merapi is the most active of more than 120 active volcanoes in Indonesia and has repeatedly erupted with lava and gas clouds recently. The Volcanology and Geological Hazard Mitigation Center did not raise Merapi’s alert status, which already was at the second-highest of four levels since it began erupting last November. □

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EAGLE BEACH - Aruba Tourism Authority representatives frequently honor our loyal Aruba visitors with their distinctive certificates. These certificates are a way to say "Masha Danki" for continuously choosing Aruba as a favorite vacation destination. The titles accompanying these certificates are as follows: 10+ years "Distinguished Visitor", 20+ years "Goodwill Ambassador" and 36+ years "Emerald Ambassador".



Recently, Ms. Marouska Heyliger had the great pleasure to honor a Loyal and friendly visitor of Aruba as Goodwill Ambassadors at their home away from

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the Minister of Tourism, as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba between 10-20-35 and more consecutive years.

Ms. Marouska Heyliger

thanked them for choosing Aruba as their vacation destination and as their home away from home for so many years together with the members of Marriott Ocean Club. □

As of March 13, 2022:

There will be adaptations to the Check-in Time for all Group Color Codes "Passenger Flow Control" at Check-in for US-Bound Passengers

ORANJESTAD - As informed by the Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA), the company that manages and operates Aeropuerto Internacional Reina Beatrix (AUA Airport) as of December 1, 2021, all US departing passengers are allowed access to the check-in ter-

minial based on groups and color codes for each group at the airport as part of the "Passenger Flow Control" for all passengers to the USA.

Adaptations have now been made because of daylight savings time in the

US as of March 13, 2022. The time frame for check-in for the YELLOW group has now been adapted to be between 08:00 - 11:00 hrs (8 AM - 11 AM noon). The time frame for the BLUE group has also been further adapted to now be allowed to check-in between between 11:00 and 13:00 hrs (11 AM and 1 PM). The ORANGE check-in time frame has also been adapted to now be between 13:00 hrs and 15:00 hrs (1 PM - 3 PM).

The Passenger Flow Control concept entails that passenger are allowed to

Aruba Airport Departure Check-in Times Quadrant by Group			
GROUP	YELLOW	BLUE	ORANGE
DEPARTURE TIME	Between 10:00 - 12:00	Between 14:00 - 16:00	Between 16:00 - 18:00
CHECK-IN	Between 08:00 - 11:00	Between 11:00 - 13:00	Between 13:00 - 15:00

Note: For check-in times, please maintain this at 3 hours prior scheduled departure time.

For Example: Scheduled Departure time is 13:00 hrs. = Check-in time is 10:00 hrs.

Period March 13, 2022 until further notice
If flight is delayed, please maintain your scheduled departure time.



enter the check in facilities based on separate groups (Yellow, Blue and Orange) established by the scheduled airline departure

times. Passengers will thus receive a dedicated timeslot to enter the terminal as indicated in table below. □

AHATA

Hotels experienced an average 70% recovery in February



Oranjestad - The Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association has released the most recent hotel performance data, which shows that Aruba hotels had an average occupancy rate of 64.4% in February.

February 2022:

Occupancy: The occupancy rate was 64.4%, which is 30% less than the occupancy rate in 2019.

ADR: The average daily rate (for occupied rooms) was \$356.69, which is almost the same as the 2019 rate.

RevPAR: The revenue per available room was \$229.74, which was 30% lower than the RevPAR in 2019.

Timeshare

AHATA's Timeshare properties experienced an 86% occupancy rate in February and project an average occupancy of 94% for March 2022.

AHATA member hotels:

Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort, Barceló Aruba, Boardwalk Boutique Hotel, Brickell Bay Beach Club, Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort, Court-

	Occupancy Forecast	Recovery compared to 2019
March	73%	82%
April	77%	93%
May	76%	94%
2022	73%	86%

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AHATA member timeshares: Divi Aruba Phoenix, Divi Dutch Village, Divi Village Golf, La Cabana, Marriott Ocean Club, Marriott Surf Club. □

Massive brown mats of macro-algae have invaded the Aruban shores

ORANJESTAD - In the past weeks, the Directorate of Nature and Environment (DNM) has received numerous calls indicating massive mats of macro-algae entering the shores around Aruba.



The DNM observed a considerable amount of macro-algae near the "Santana di Cacho", which means Dog Cemetery in our Island's native language (located near the Baby Beach area) in San Nicolas and have since published announcements on their social media about the effects that beachgoers can experience while enjoying the beaches. There is collaboration between different Government organizations that address the issues caused by the flow of these macro-algae.

On the international level, the UNEP-CEPP (United Nations Environment Program- Caribbean Environment Programme,) of which the DNM is also a member, published a report to help organizations address the massive flows of macro-algae. One of the items mentioned in this report is the request to participate in a survey when macro-algae are present near the Caribbean islands.

The presence and stench on the beach caused by the macro-algae can negatively affect the beachgoers.

The DNM contacted AHATA and informed them about the situation, which AHATA can share with their members. The DOW is also aware of this situation and will do more frequent beach cleanups. Boat and coast fishers will also encounter this problem and should be mindful of the possible effects of these macro-algae on their fishing. The fishing lines will get heavier to pull when entangled with the macro-algae and can even break. Lots of macro-algae can also get stuck in the boats' propellers and cause malfunction. It is remarkable that this is a pretty recent issue (2011) and that there is no policy in place to address this correctly.

It is essential to do more scientific research on the cause of this issue and the effects of the macro-algae invasion, to provide objective in-



formation.

What the community and our visitors can do is to contact the DNM on www.dnmaruba.org, when they see massive mats of macro-algae on other beaches. The DNM also encourages the community to take part in the communal scientific investigation by completing the survey on the platform The HUB - SARGASSUM INFORMATION HUB (sargassumhub.org).

The DNM requests from the community and our esteemed visitors their understanding of the unwanted invasion of the macro-algae on the beaches. We have provided some photos of the macro-algae invasion near the 'Santana di Cacho' in San Nicolas. □

Not all Western companies sever ties to Russia over Ukraine

By **TALI ARBEL**
AP Business Writer

A shrinking number of well-known companies are still doing business in Russia, even as hundreds have announced plans to curtail ties.

Burger King restaurants are open, Eli Lilly is supplying drugs, and PepsiCo is selling milk and baby food, but no more soda.

The pace of businesses exiting Russia accelerated over the past week as the deadly violence and humanitarian crisis in Ukraine worsened, and as Western governments ratcheted up economic sanctions to punish Russia for its two-week-old invasion. Major oil companies BP and Shell walked away from multi-billion-dollar investments. McDonald's and Starbucks stopped serving customers. The companies that still have a presence in Russia say they have franchise owners or employees to consider; they don't want to punish Russians by taking away food or medicine; or they provide software or financial services for Western businesses that aren't easy to replace.

"It's a business calculation. On the stay side: How much revenue do they earn in Russia? Do they provide an essential service?" said Mary Lovely, a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics in Washington. "Each day that passes, though, calculations change. Sanctions against Russia are likely to last a long time, along with rising revulsion."

Some companies in lower-profile industries like agriculture have been able to fly under the radar and avoid the type of social media pressure that had been directed at brands such as McDonald's, Uniqlo and Starbucks, before they decided to cut ties this week, if only temporarily.

But in this era of hyper-awareness that some customers and even employees have about the positions companies take on social and moral issues, those still doing business with — or in — Russia are

putting their reputations on the line.

Take Japanese clothing chain Uniqlo, which drew negative attention after the CEO of its parent com-

pany told the Nikkei newspaper in a story published Tuesday that the reason to keep nearly 50 Russian stores open was that: "clothing is a necessity of life." By Thursday, Uniqlo said it would close the stores.

"There's potentially a big downside of companies to be on the wrong side of this," Lovely said. Many large multinationals didn't flee Russia at the start of the war. But that changed as the invasion led to increasing violence — and more than 2 million refugees fleeing Ukraine. There are now more than 300 companies that have curtailed operations in Russia, according to a list maintained by a team at Yale. Apple stopped shipments. Google paused ad sales. Automakers halted production. Hollywood studios ceased releasing films, and Netflix stopped streaming. Some of these decisions were driven by the need to comply with the sanctions Western governments leveled at Russia; others came because of supply chain issues or the fear of a hit to

their reputations. Sanctions have already taken a toll on Russia's economy and global trade.

Some companies that plan to sever ties with Russia say

across Russia, but not the nearly 1,000 franchisee-owned KFCs, or its 50 Pizza Hut locations.

This sometimes applies to hotels as well: Marriott says

will keep selling "everyday essential" Russian-made food and hygiene products to Russians, but that it will stop exporting and advertising these products.

Tech companies have their own balancing act. Providers of internet-based services like Google, Twitter and Facebook have been mostly reluctant to take actions that could deprive Russian citizens access to information other than what they get from state media. (Russia blocked Facebook and Twitter, however, and then TikTok largely suspended its service in the country.)

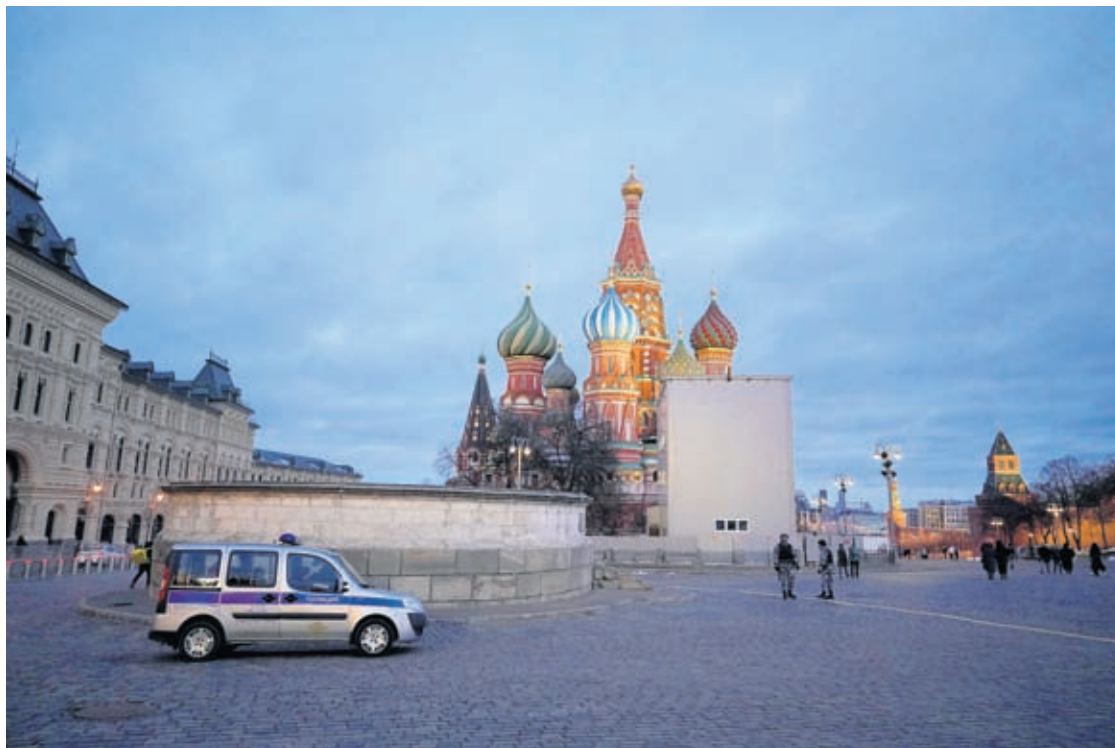
The response from industrial food producers has been complicated by Russia's role as a major exporter of wheat and other commodities.

Bunge, which has assets of \$121 million in Russia, said Thursday that its Russian oilseed plant will operate and serve the domestic market, but that it has suspended "any new export business." Farm equipment maker John Deere said it has stopped machine shipments to Russia; it is monitoring a Russian plant that makes seeding equipment and its dealer network in the country "day-by-day." Cargill and ADM, other agriculture companies, have not responded to questions.

These companies don't want the Russian government to seize their assets should they close up shop, said Vincent Smith, an economics professor at Montana State University.

Other companies point to their employees' livelihoods in rationalizing decisions to stay, or not completely sever ties.

Starbucks initially expressed concern for its 2,000 Russian employees before reversing course Tuesday. The Kuwaiti company that franchises its 130 Russian stores is closing them, but continuing to pay employees. British American Tobacco on Wednesday said it would keep making and selling cigarettes in Russia, where it has 2,500 employees, citing a "duty of care" for employees. □



A police car is parked in Red Square, with St. Basil's Cathedral in the background, in Moscow, Russia, March 4, 2022.

Associated Press

it isn't so simple.

Citigroup said Wednesday that selling its 11 Russian bank branches will be difficult because the country's economy has been cut off from the global financial system. Until then, Citi said it is "operating the business on a more limited basis" and is helping its U.S. and other corporate clients suspend their businesses in Russia.

Likewise, Amazon says its biggest cloud-computing customers in Russia are headquartered elsewhere. The company said Tuesday it has stopped accepting new cloud-computing customers in Russia and that it plans to suspend e-commerce shipments to Russia. Fast-food companies often have franchising agreements that complicate an exit, because they don't own those locations.

That helps explain why Restaurant Brands International, owner of Burger King, is keeping its 800 restaurants open in Russia. And why Yum Brands, parent company of KFC and Pizza Hut, announced the closure of 70 company-owned KFCs

its Russian hotels are owned by third parties, and it's evaluating their ability to remain open.

"I think a lot of these companies are expecting a backlash if they're staying," said Susanne Wengle, a political science professor and Russia expert at Notre Dame.

McDonald's action in Russia was easier: it owns most of the 850 restaurants in Russia it will temporarily close.

But there are companies that remain in Russia — whether in whole or in part — and say that it's because they view their products as essential.

Pharmaceutical company Eli Lilly is one of them. "We continue to distribute medicines in Russia as patients with cancer, diabetes and auto-immune diseases everywhere count on us to support them," said spokesperson Tarsis Lopez, noting that EU and U.S. sanctions do not apply to medicine. PepsiCo said it will stop selling soda, but that it will continue to supply milk, baby formula and baby food in Russia. And Unilever said it

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I LOVE DEADLINES. I LIKE THE WHOOSHING SOUND THEY MAKE AS THEY FLY BY. — DOUGLAS ADAMS

Old money, new money: Beaux Arts style gets attention on HBO

By LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — "What surroundings, Mrs. Russell. We could be at Tsarskoye Selo," exclaims Nathan Lane's snooty Ward McAllister at his first glance of her opulent Fifth Avenue mansion on "The Gilded Age." The social arbiter's reference to an 18th century palace outside St. Petersburg, Russia, is lost on the new-money Bertha, but the point was made: The HBO Max series has brought alive America's post-Civil War renaissance and New York City's cultural awakening in all its Beaux Arts glory.

The term, which translates simply as "fine arts," was anything but simple in the hands of the city's wealthiest figures of the time — names like Astor, Carnegie, Frick, Morgan, Rockefeller, Vanderbilt and more. Thanks to this powerful ruling class and their architects, the period roughly spanning the 1870s to the 1930s produced some of New York's finest structures. Beaux Arts at its best includes buildings like The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Morgan Library & Museum, the Woolworth Building, Grand Central Terminal, Pennsylvania Station, the main branch of the New York Public Library, The Frick Collection, Grant's Tomb and select mausoleums in Woodlawn Cemetery, where some of the players rest.

The structures, or pieces of them, survived the advent of Art Nouveau, Art Deco and the modernist movement as the country radically transformed.

"Architecture is always a clear guide to how individ-



This combination of photos shows, from left, the Pompeian Room of the Joseph Raphael De Lamar House in the Murray Hill neighborhood of Manhattan, the cover of "An American Renaissance: Beaux-Arts Architecture in New York City," by Phillip James Dodd with photography by Jonathan Wallen and the exterior of Grand Central Terminal in Manhattan.

Associated Press

uals or whole societies think of themselves," the HBO show's creator, Julian Fellowes, told The Associated Press about why he needed to get the details right. "The princes of the American renaissance were no different. They saw themselves as giants, no longer inferior to the products of older cultures across the sea, but kings of the world." Just as Fellowes began work on "The Gilded Age" several years ago after his hit "Downton Abbey," the architect, author and educator Phillip James Dodd began his passion project about the same era. His "An American Renaissance: Beaux-Arts Architecture in New York City" (Images Publishing) is a massive, meticulous book delving into the homes, monuments and public buildings that robber barons and industrialists ordered up in an over-the-top vein as the city gained its cultural footing.

The Beaux Arts style, characterized by classical forms, massive proportions and lavish, usually symmetrical, detailing, sprouted from the École des Beaux Arts in Paris. Some of the most sought-after Ameri-

can architects trained there before joining the gold rush for commissions amid New York's sea of brownstones.

Their clients, the titans of banking, railroads and mining, were looking to flaunt their fortunes and better their social standing, and that of New York in the process. As they amassed art and antiquities in Europe, their architects, sculptors and muralists drew on a wide range of influences, including the ancient Greeks and Romans, along with the Renaissance and Baroque styles from Italy and France. Often, all at the same time.

Dodd's book was released just four months before "The Gilded Age" series premiered. Fellowes wrote the foreword.

One of the top architectural firms of the day, McKim, Mead and White, makes an appearance on the show. Its ginger-haired and mustachioed partner Stanford White is hired by Bertha and her railroad magnate husband, George Russell, to create their lavish home (a fictionalized mansion on Fifth Avenue's Millionaires Row).

The prolific White, designer of homes, college buildings and the marble arch at Washington Square, also made real-life headlines in 1906 for being fatally shot on the roof of Madison Square Garden. His murderer: enraged Pittsburgh millionaire Harry Thaw, who was married to one of the architect's past teen par-amours, Evelyn Nesbit. □

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Experts: How to impose internet sanctions on Russia



In this image from video, Victor Zhora, a top Ukrainian cybersecurity official, holds a news conference for international media March 4, 2022, from a bunker in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Associated Press

By **FRANK BAJAK**
AP Technology Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Ukraine's attempt to get Russia kicked off the internet failed, but a diverse group of experts proposes a more narrow approach to sanctioning the Kremlin for invading its neighbor: Consider creating a mechanism that could technically blacklist individual Russian military and propaganda websites.

In an open letter released Thursday, the activists say it's time the internet community developed a way to confront humanitarian crises. The idea they float would mean gathering and publishing a list of sanctioned IP addresses and domain names in the form of data feeds that telecommunications providers and other network operators could subscribe to with the goal of rendering the targets unreachable.

No new technology would be required and putting the system to work would require minimal effort because it would mirror existing ones already in use by network operators, said Bill Woodcock, executive director of Packet Clearing House, a global nonprofit that promotes internet development.

"The implementation is very straightforward because it's exactly the same as we use for spam and malware and phishing and DDoS and so forth," added Woodcock, who organized

tion their own government chooses to furnish."

Because the internet is decentralized, dominated by the private sector and administered by ICANN and affiliated regional bodies — not governments — it would be up to those multiple stakeholders to agree to the contents of a blacklist and on participating in its implementation.

Woodcock acknowledged that the biggest hurdle to the signatories' proposal is the question of who would draw up a sanctions list, which will need to be agreed upon by multiple stakeholders. That process has been relatively smooth for deciding what is spam and what is malware. But when it comes to blocking other sites, network operators have been reluctant to do so unless they have a government request.

Last week, Ukraine's minister of digital transformation, Mykhailo Fedorov, asked ICANN to remove Russia's country-level domain .ru from the internet and disconnect root servers in Russia. ICANN's president, Goeran Marby, rejected the request, saying the body must "maintain neutrality," that its mission "does not extend to taking punitive actions," including issuing sanctions or restricting access "regardless of the provocations." □



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Players Championship gets 4 hours of play and Monday finish

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla.

(AP) — The Players Championship delivered only four hours of golf Friday before rain saturated the TPC Sawgrass, assuring the PGA Tour's premier event will not end until Monday.

So much for Saturday being "moving day."

Based on the forecast of overnight rain and raging wind, the tour said there was no chance of even making the cut until Sunday.

Play was stopped at 11:15 a.m. The conditions and the forecast were so bad the first round was not scheduled to resume until 11 a.m. Saturday, and that was described as a best-case scenario.

"The golf course has just reached a point of saturation, and unfortunately the weather conditions are not providing us any relief," said Gary Young, the chief referee of The Players.

Puddles formed on the putting surfaces when the play was stopped, and the rain kept coming. Young said the Stadium Course — formerly a swamp before the late architect Pete Dye worked his magic — had received some 3 inches of rain over a period of 36 to 48 hours.

It will be the eighth Monday finish since The Play-



Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, tries to stay dry on ninth green during the first round of play in The Players Championship golf tournament Friday, March 11, 2022, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

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ers Championship began in 1974, and the first since 2005. All the Monday finishes have occurred in March. The Players was held in May for 12 years until returning to its earlier date in 2019. But it's never been as disjointed as this.

The opening round was delayed an hour at the start, and then was suspended for 4 hours, 15 minutes. Thursday ended with Ian Poulter running from tee-to-green on the par-3 17th so he could tee off on the 18th and assure his group could finish before darkness.

There's a good chance

Poulter might not hit another shot until Sunday morning.

Only 96 players from the 144-man field have finished 18 holes.

Tommy Fleetwood and Tom Hoge finished on Thursday and each posted a 6-under 66. At best, they won't start the second round until late Saturday afternoon.

Brice Garnett holed out for eagle from the fourth fairway and was at 6 under with five holes to play when he returns Saturday.

Daniel Berger was among those at 5 under, and he was the first sign the conclu-

sion of the opening round might have to wait. He was just short of the par-5 11th green when he called for an official because of water in the area where he wanted to land his pitch.

Out came the squeegees, and a delay waiting for them to move away the water. Jordan Spieth's second shot into the 12th was in the middle of a puddle, and he stood over his mark as the squeegee crew cleared away the water.

Dustin Johnson had three birdies in his opening four holes and went out in 32 before the wet greens

twice fooled him and led to three-putt bogeys — a 40-foot putt he left well short on the 10th, a downhill putt from 30 feet that ran 6 feet by on the 13th.

Berger figured them out. He holed a 40-foot birdie putt from the fringe on No. 12 and, just as important, hit a beautiful lag putt from 50 feet on the 13th. He followed with birdie putts from 18 feet and 15 feet to reach 5 under.

Johnson was at 4 under when he walked off the green at the par-5 16th with the rain falling harder than it had all morning. Johnson is among the fastest players in golf (until he gets to the green), but not on this occasion. He took his time as he stared at the island green of the par-3 17th in a driving rain. He fiddled with his glove. He slowly reached into his bag for a rain jacket.

A horn to stop play was coming, just not fast enough. He finally hit wedge near the hole and was happy it spun back only 20 feet.

And then play was stopped before he putted. Standing in a tunnel beneath the bleachers, Johnson talked about his timing with having to hit the tee shot, but had no complaints.

"I will take that shot just where it is," he said with a big grin. □



A. J. Foyt talks with J.R. Hildebrand during qualifications for the Indianapolis 500 auto race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Saturday, May 22, 2021, in Indianapolis.

Associated Press

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

J.R. Hildebrand was named the oval driver for A.J. Foyt

J.R. Hildebrand to race ovals and Indianapolis 500 for Foyt

Racing on Friday and will make his season debut next week at Texas Motor Speedway.

Hildebrand will share the No. 11 Chevrolet with Tatiana Calderón, the Colombian hired to race the street and road courses this year. Calderón, the only woman in the IndyCar field, has no oval experience.

Hildebrand has 66 career IndyCar starts, including 11 straight starts in the Indianapolis 500. He nearly won the race as a rookie in 2011 but crashed as the leader entering the final turn and was passed by Dan Whel-

don for the win. Hildebrand finished second.

He ran Indianapolis last year for Foyt as a fourth entry and finished 15th.

"I'm excited to have this opportunity to get back in the car, do a little more racing, and work with the A.J. Foyt Racing squad again," Hildebrand said. "Although the results may not have looked special on paper, I was really impressed by what we accomplished last year at the 500 and look forward to attacking these other ovals on the IndyCar schedule."

Hildebrand will be team-

mates with rookie Kyle Kirkwood and Dalton Kellett, who both drive the full IndyCar schedule for Foyt.

Hildebrand will run at Texas next Sunday, Indianapolis in May, the July double-header at Iowa and finally at Gateway in August.

"We had a great experience working with J.R. last year, and there is no doubt he is very competitive at Indianapolis," team president Larry Foyt said. "He is still very motivated to drive Indy cars and is a setup-savvy, technical driver who will be a strong addition to our oval races this year." □

Test for MLB players will be how deal looks to them in '26

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Now comes the test: Will baseball players be happy with their new collective bargaining agreement in 2026?

They clearly were unhappy with the just-expired five-year contract, which saw payrolls drop to their lowest level since 2015.

The agreement reached Thursday raises the competitive-balance tax threshold by \$34 million over five years, up from a \$21 million hike over the 2017-21 deal and an \$11 million rise from 2011-16.

"I think that the MLBPA historically has wanted a market-based system. Over multiple negotiations that has been a primary objective of theirs," baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred said after Thursday's deal ended a 99-day lock-out.

"Markets produce market results. And I think that the changes that were made in this agreement moved dramatically in their direction on topics like the CBT threshold, and I think you'll probably see a little different market results as a result of the changes."

Players and management have had tense relations in recent years. Manfred said he hopes to improve that. "I expect there to be disagreements, particularly



Major League Baseball Players Association Executive Director Tony Clark, right, answers a question at a press conference in their offices, in New York, Friday, March 11, 2022.

Associated Press

when the interests and passions that the players have for protecting the game and the integrity of it is as strong as it is," union head Tony Clark said at a news conference Friday.

Young star players were the biggest beneficiary of the deal.

Shohei Ohtani earned \$545,000 in 2018, when he was voted AL Rookie of the Year. Had the new agreement been in place then, he would have earned an additional \$750,000.

Cody Bellinger was at \$605,000 in 2019, when he won NL MVP. Under the

new deal, he would have gotten an extra \$2.5 million. The minimum salary goes up from \$570,500 to \$700,000, a 22.7% rise that is the largest in a single season since 2003.

The union also hopes the deal boosts the middle: The median salary was \$1.15 million at the start of last season, according to calculations by The Associated Press, down 30% from the \$1.65 million record high at the start of 2015.

"The deal pushes the game forward," Yankees pitcher Gerrit Cole, a member of the union's executive sub-

committee, said in a telephone interview with the AP. "It addresses a lot of the things that the players in the game should be focused on: the competitive integrity aspect of it."

Veteran players in leadership hoped to get more. The union's executive subcommittee voted 8-0 against the deal: Zack Britton, Jason Castro, Cole, Francisco Lindor, Andrew Miller, James Paxton, Max Scherzer and Marcus Semien. Five of the eight are represented by agent Scott Boras, and Castro, at \$3.5 million, is the only one

of the eight who earned under \$12 million last year. Team player representatives voted 26-4 in favor, leaving the overall player executive committee vote 26-12 to approve.

"You call it a division, I call it a healthy dialogue and conversation," Clark said. "From our standpoint, the process worked. Each group and each team, each player, have had an opportunity to engage their team and and voice their particular vote against the backdrop of the other 25 members or 39 members, I guess I should say, of their club."

"The individual subcommittee members who were invested from start to finish, who were pushing to make the gains that we all wanted to make, they offered their vote against the backdrop of that democratic system," he said.

Clark and Manfred notably did not have a joint news conference. Clark chose to wait a day for his.

"I spoke to Tony after their ratification vote. I told him that I thought we had a great opportunity for the game in front of us," Manfred said. "One of the things that I'm supposed to do is promote a good relationship with our players. I've tried to do that. I think that I have not been successful in that. I think that it begins with small steps." □

AP Exclusive: HR Derby could decide All-Star Game winner

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — If the next All-Star Game in Major League Baseball goes deep into the night, a slugger may get a chance to decide it by going deep — in a Home Run Derby.

That's right, say going, going, goodbye to extra innings in the Midsummer Classic. Instead, bring on Vladimir Guerrero Jr., Shohei Ohtani, Fernando Tatis Jr., Bryce Harper and the big boppers for a winner-take-all blast-off.

Because buried deep in the

182-page memorandum of understanding signed Thursday by MLB and the players' association is a radical new method of potentially deciding the All-Star Game. "If the All-Star Game remains tied after nine innings, the game will be decided by a Home Run Derby between the teams, subject to the parties' agreement on details and format," reads exhibit 13, titled "Tentative Agreement — All-Star Game and Home Run Derby."

Dated March 1 and obtained by The Associated

Press, the page was signed by MLB senior counsel Kashey Sanossian and players' association deputy general counsel Matt Nussbaum. It is part of a 182-page agreement that led to the end of MLB's 99-day lock-out and the opening of training camps.

This year's All-Star Game is scheduled for Dodger Stadium on July 19, awarded to Los Angeles after the scheduled 2020 was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The All-Star Game has gone to extra innings 13 times



New York Yankees infielder Luke Voit fouls off a pitch during informal baseball workout at the University of South Florida Thursday, Feb. 24, 2022, in Tampa, Fla.

Associated Press

since it began in 1933, the last two times 10 innings in both 2017 at Miami and 2018 at Washington. Teams running short on pitchers has become an issue as managers try to get most pitchers in the game by the

ninth inning.

The annual Home Run Derby on the night before the All-Star Game has become one of MLB's popular events and is not mentioned in the document as changing. □

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